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Oregon Tualatin Valley
Amateur Radio Club

Since 1978

The Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club is a special service club related to ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio. We seek to advance the Amateur Radio Service through:

- ⇒ Education and Training of new and licensed amateurs
- ⇒ Public Service and Emergency communication
- ⇒ Hobby nets, contests and meetings
- ⇒ Social events

Membership is available to anyone interested in amateur radio. A license is not required.

NEW CLUB ADDRESS: 880 NE 25th Ave Ste 2-160, Hillsboro OR 97124-6258

CLUB Meeting - Wednesday, October 12

October is a "swing month" as we move toward winter operating conditions. The noise level is down, longer paths become available for DX.

This month's program will expose us again to the "basic information" about amateur radio that many of us have forgotten. This is a chance to refresh our knowledge of the amateur radio service.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at the Beaverton Elks' Club, 3500 SW 104th Ave, Beaverton. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm. Guests are welcome. Bring someone you'd like to introduce to amateur radio...or a non-member you'd like to introduce to OTVARC.

See you on October 12th.

KK7TN PARAGRAPHS Don Stettler KK7TN

Unlike many members of the club I am a relative newcomer to ham radio.

Looking back I marvel at what a different the path the hobby has taken me from what I had in mind when I ventured in with a Technician Class license a little over 12 years ago. Initially I had bought into the idea that I'd be talking to the world. That is not exactly how things have turned

out even though I have privileges and equipment to do that. I did not anticipate that I would become so involved with the local community of hams as I have with OTVARC, Washington County ARES, the Beaver State Net and other involvement. They keep me focused closer to home with public service.

The opportunities to use ham radio for public service are plentiful and

something I would encourage all hams to be involved in doing. My latest experience was driving a SAG for the Lance Armstrong Foundation Livestrong bicycle event in late October. The event's purpose was to raise funds for its mission to inspire and empower people with cancer to live strong through education, advocacy, public health and research programs.

About 3800 bicycle riders assembled to ride one of the several loops through Washington County starting at the Nike campus in Beaverton on August 18th. My assignment was to drive one of the nine SAG vehicles. I learned that SAG is not an acronym but it was helpful to me when it was suggested that it meant Search And Gather.

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CLUB INFORMATION

VOLUNTEER EXAM SESSIONS

A session was held on Oct 1 at Ronler Acres. We had 11 applicants and issued three Technician Class, one General Class and one Extra Class license, plus one CSCE for General. One of our applicants (an engineer and long-ago Novice) took all three written tests cold and came out with his General. Five others have "opportunity for further study".

Thanks to VEs Rich KD7GIE, John KA7BRZ, and Dennis AC7UY.

Carl Clawson, WS7L, is being joined by Kevin Bersch, KE7VIN, as a VE team leader. They will provide leadership for even and odd numbered months respectively.

Sessions will continue to be offered at 1:00 pm on the first Saturday of the month at Ronler Acres Fire Station, 4455 NW 229th Ave, Hillsboro, across from Hillsboro Stadium.

This year, remaining exam sessions are:
November 5 • December 3

Pre-register for exams by contacting Carl, WS7L, at ws7l@arrrl.net or by phone at

Happy October Birthday

- 1 Robert (Bob) Young KB7MFD
- 3 Richard Gosney W7QMD
- 13 Ron Meese K7G
- 14 Tom Bailey KA7NAM
- 15 Richard Banton KD7THV
- 16 Bud Carswell KB7NUO
- 17 Bud Butterfield KC7PS
- 22 Gus Amato KC7XB
- 22 Richard Welk KB7EW
- 22 Sam Senior N7KJN
- 24 Tom Hicks N7UBT
- 25 Jerry E. Miller NB7P
- 28 Carl Clawson WS7L

Updates and corrections to w6abm@arrrl.net

HAMFests

22 October 2005
Swap-Toberfest
Polk County Fairgrounds
Rickreall Oregon
Mid-Valley ARES
<http://www.swaptoberfest.net>
PO Box 931
Lafayette Oregon 97127
n7lqd@arrrl.net

16 - 18 June 2006
~~SEA-PAC~~ '06
Seaside, Oregon
<http://www.seapac.org>
Box 25466
Portland OR 97298-0466
Will Sheffield N7THL
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CONGRATULATIONS TO CLARK COUNTY Amateur Radio Club

Congratulations to Clark County Amateur Radio Club on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. A gala banquet and dance was held on October 1st at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel to celebrate the event. Various long-time members recounted the club's life and pictures from the decades were shown. Mary Hobart, director of development for the ARRL in Newington CT, was the speaker. OTVARC was represented at the event by Greg W7OZ, Wayne AI9Q, Luther KC7KVL, Neil WA6KLA, and Everett W6ABM.



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As Chief Operating Officer of ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio, it gives me great pleasure to provide this statement for the record to the Committee on the successful efforts of Amateur Radio operators providing communications for First Responders, Disaster Relief agencies, and countless individuals in connection with the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. As has been proven consistently and repeatedly in the past, long before the 9/11 terrorist attacks, when communications systems fail due to a wide-area or localized disaster, whatever the cause, Amateur Radio works, right away, all the time. This is not a statement of concern about what must be changed or improved. It is, rather, a report on what is going right, and what works in emergency communications, and what can be depended on to work the next time there is a natural disaster, and the times after that. [Read the full statement at arrl.org/news/stories/2005/09/30/2/?nc=1.

AN ELECTION CHALLENGE

We've all been there! We're members of an organization led by volunteers. *We think we could do a better job than the current leadership.* The cure? Place your name before the members and stand for election to get your chance. Your club can use your ideas and drive to make a better club. Any full member is eligible to run.

You've been complaining to any member who will listen that OTVARC should be doing something it isn't doing now. Place your name before the membership and stand for election. *It takes far LESS energy to contribute to a better club than to complain.* Plus, you'll feel really good about making OTVARC a club you can recommend to others.

Accept this challenge. See Phil Kane K2ASP, John Anderson KA7BRZ; or Claire Johnson N7CM to have your name placed in nomination. The election slate will be posted next month. Have our name on it.

TECHNICIAN CLASSES

Fifteen people signed up to work toward their Technician Class licenses at our September classes. Our thanks to John Anderson KA7BRZ and Janet Bell WB7FJC for coordinating the sessions. Ask them who assisted. Express your thanks for their service.

LUNCH BUNCH

Headed to Rickreall?

**Have lunch with OTVARC Members
In the Dining Area
beginning at 1:00 pm
Gather around the first to arrive**

Lunch Bunch
Saturday, October 22nd

Polk County Fairground
520 South Pacific Highway West
Rickreall, Oregon

Questions?

Linda Sutton KC7YTD
kb7pww@arrl.net or 503.246.8879

Sunday, November 6th

Pancake Breakfast
To benefit Rebekah Adams
In Banks - More Info at the Club Meeting

Your \$5 breakfast donation goes to help
Betty Mickley's granddaughter

DC POWER

We know how to make connections

Wes Allen, K7WWG President
665 SW 167th Ave. 503-531-4081
Beaverton, Oregon 97006

HAVING FUN?



SEA-PAC '05 was a great time. Here is just one view of the festivities from the platform. This was taken on Saturday morning by Ron KD7VIK.

We're in the amateur radio service to have fun...and provide service. We gather at SEA-PAC to visit with "on-air contacts" who have become friends. Hold June 16-18, 2006 to join in the fun.

SEA-PAC is sponsored by Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club.

**Have you checked out
the club web site recently?**

The web is one of our communications tools. It serves as an introduction to our events and achievements -- as well as a reference for club members.

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SEA-PAC '06 LEADERSHIP APPOINTED

Congratulations to Wayne Schuler AI9Q, Will Sheffield N7THL and Al Berg W7SIC on their appointment to joint leadership of the SEA-PAC '06 Planning Team. This is the team that led the 2005 successful effort. SEA-PAC '06 will be held June 16-18, 2006 at Seaside.

SEA-PAC is a project of our club. We have three other clubs assisting in various capacities. The project offers a public platform for the amateur radio service and supports radio hobbyists in the Northwestern Division of the ARRL: The National Association for Amateur Radio.

WB6BYU TO OTVARC IN NOVEMBER

Dale Hunt WB6BYU is running on the cover of QST in September. Dale has been with us in the past. He will speak on Radio Direction Finding (with real world toys), November 9. RDF is more than a game...but games help increase efficiency in search situations.

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AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The proposed changes to the Club Bylaws were submitted to the membership for a vote last month. Change affect Article III (Duties of Officers). The first is a revision of the description of TRUSTEES. This gives less chance for misunderstanding of the role of our License Trustee. The second change adds a clear description of the duties and powers of the Board of Directors, including the power to appoint the License Trustee and any committees necessary for the normal operation of the club.

A minority of the membership returned their ballot. However, all submitted ballots supported the changes. They are adopted.

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The firm that organizes the *Livestrong* events had never used ham radio operators to drive the SAGs before. We were hopeful to show what good communications would do to keep the SAG vehicles more or less evenly distributed along the course.

Seeing 3,800 bicycle riders leave the start was quite a sight. Having arrived at the NIKE campus at 5:30 am to cue up, it seemed a long time before it was my turn to leave -- sometime after 8 am.

After I left the start, I was to pass 300 riders and then pull over. When 300 riders passed me, I would repeat the process. However, after I passed about 150 riders I found a group of riders off to the side of the road. I circled the block. When I came back I found a rider that had a broken pedal. Net control directed me to take him and his bicycle to the next rest area. A mechanic would be waiting there to help. It was a nice feeling to know I had helped a rider so he could complete the course.

On top of that I was very pleased to read in the *The Oregonian* that the event raised about \$1.5 million for cancer research.

See you at the October 12th meeting...73.
Don KK7TN

WHO IS REBEKAH ADAMS?

Rebekah Adams is a wonderfully active three year old who used to have lots of energy to spare. She lives with her Mom (Frances KB8PRL) and Dad (Scott KB8PRS) and her younger sister Sarah. Her grandmother is past president Betty Mickley N7REX.

In 2004 Rebekah was diagnosed with probable Cerebral Palsy as well as other muscular/neurological issues. Rebekah has now been diagnosed with inoperable cancer in her face and neck (Ewing's Sarcoma). It is not treatable by surgery. An extensive program of chemotherapy and radiation is being followed.

Want to follow Rebekah and her family? Read her blog at rebekahspace.blogspot.com. Want to help? Check out www.helprebekah.com.

[We ran this article to update information for those who are encouraging, praying for, and helping in other ways. OTVARC is a club that shows concern for its members and their personal circumstances. -Editor]

SWAPtoberfest October 22

Oregon's largest flea market takes place at SWAPtoberfest in Rickreall. Yes, there are prizes awarded on the basis of your registration. Many clubs staff tables and sell "renewed" electronic equipment as fundraisers for their annual events. The familiar suspects are there too...showing off equipment and ham related electronics. Many individuals have tables.

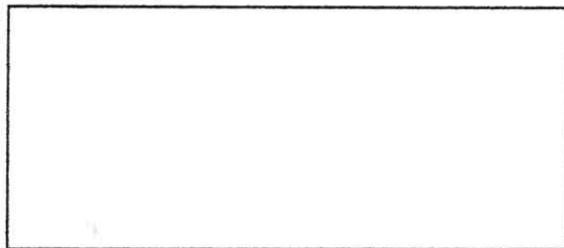
You'll find specific information at the web site: www.swaptoberfest.net/.

SWAPtoberfest is located west of Salem where Oregon 22 meets Oregon 99W at the Polk County Fairgrounds, Talk-In Frequency: 146.86 (-) offset, 186.2 hz tone.

The grand prize is an MFJ Enterprises MFJ-259B Antenna Analyzer, drawn at 2:30 pm. Hourly Drawings begin at 10 am.

Find the Lunch Bunch table at 1:00 pm.

**CLUB MEETING
OCTOBER 9TH**



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Hams Commended on their Aid at Stennis

A Stennis Space Center facility is serving as the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for Hancock County Mississippi. The original EOC was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Amateur Radio operator Randy Pierce, AG4UU, from Tallahassee, Florida, is stationed at Stennis. He reports that Amateur Radio operators are serving as communicators for all the services at the EOC, including the fire department and the emergency medical system. Four radio operators are still needed each day. The Amateur Radio operators' technical capabilities have been well employed. The hams were complimented by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office and County Commissioners.

HAMS ON DUTY IN LOUISIANA AND TEXAS

The Amateur Radio community has continued to respond to calls for volunteers to support communication for served agencies in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator Gary Stratton K5GLS, says 45 Amateur Radio volunteers are still on hurricane relief and recovery duty there. South Texas ARRL Section Manager Ray Taylor N5NAV, reports 60 Amateur Radio volunteers are on duty in Texas. They support communication for Salvation Army operations and others. Beaumont has not yet been reopened to returning evacuees, but relief and recovery operations are under way. In Orange County, James Aaron K5SUB, is set up at the local hospital to support American Red Cross activities.